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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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Date of Interview: 25 August 2009.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
 c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Doretti.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: "software means" is added as amendment to claim 1 as part of the device and urged as a basis of patentability. Examiners did not agree, considering the art rejection valid. But it was agreed to consult with Marjorie Moran, SPE in bioinformatics, whether this limitation provided any patentable distinctness, met the requirements for a proper 112/6 invocation, and satisfied other statutes.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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